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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A CASTING WHICH INCLUDES AN INSERT

DATE: September 19, 2001

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At the top of the first page, just under the title, insert:

1. ☒--This is a ☐ Continuation-In-Part ☒ Divisional  
☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of  
1(a) ☒ National Application No. 09 / 472,985 filed December 28, 1999.  
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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Respectfully submitted,  
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